(b) the details thereof, rural and urban area-wise; and

(c) the benefits reached to the poor people in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) The funds released to States/UTs, including State of Orissa, alongwith the details of benefits provided under child welfare schemes are available on the website of the Ministry of Women and Child Development *i.e.*, www.wcd.nic.in. This information is also available in the Annual Reports of this Ministry which are available in the Library of the Rajya Sabha.

(b) and (c) The basic consideration under all the schemes of the Ministry is that the benefits of the scheme flow to the disadvantaged sections.

**Undernourished children in Tamil Nadu**

2764. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 65 per cent children between the age of six months to five years in Tamil Nadu have been found anaemic due to malnutrition;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the corrective measures Government proposes to take to remove malnutrition among the children in the State;

(d) whether Government proposes to increase the financial assistance to the State Government to provide nutritious meals and supplements to the children; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) As per National Family Health Survey (NFHS) -3 (2005-06), 64.2% of the children (6 months - 59 months) in Tamil Nadu suffer from anaemia.

(c) Malnutrition is a multifaceted and multi sectoral problem requiring coordinated action by various Ministries. The schemes being implemented by different Ministries which directly or indirectly improve the nutritional status of children are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) The Government of India has already revised the financial norms of supplementary nutrition w.e.f. 7.1108 for different category of beneficiaries and accordingly increased financial assistance is being provided to the States including the State of Tamil Nadu as per status of implementation. The revised financial norms are as under:-

| Sl.No. | Category | Pre-revised rates | Revised rates (per beneficiary per day) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Children (6-72 months) | Rs.2.00 | Rs.4.00 |
| 2. | Severely malnourished (6-72 months) | Rs.2.70 | Rs.6.00 |
| 3. | Pregnant women and Nursing mothers | Rs.2.30 | Rs.5.00 |

Further, under Wheat Based Nutrition Programme, food-grains (wheat and rice) are allocated to State/UTs on request at BPL rates for Supplementary Nutrition Programme under the ICDS Scheme.

***Statement***

*Schemes/programmes which address malnutrition*

1. The Ministry of Women & Child Development is implementing the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme for children below 6 years and for pregnant and lactating women in all States/UTs. The scheme, *inter-alia*, provides a component of Supplementary Nutrition. The Government has since increased the cost of Supplementary Nutrition as well as nutritional norms for different categories of beneficiaries as follows:

| Category | | Revised Rates (per beneficiary per day) | Revised Nutritional Norms | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Calories (Kcal) | Protein (g) |
| (i) | Children (6-72 mths) | Rs. 4.00 | 500 | 12-15 |
| (ii) | Severely malnourished Children (6-72 mths) | Rs. 6.00 | 800 | 20-25 |
| (iii) | Pregnant women and nursing mothers. | Rs. 5.00 | 600 | 18-20 |

2. Reproductive & Child Health Programme under the National Rural Health Mission being implemented by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has interventions for proper growth, development and survival of children which include:

- Janani Suraksha Yojana (JSY) to promote institutional deliveries, improved coverage and quality of Antenatal care, skilled care to pregnant women, etc.
- Immunization
- Integrated Management of Neonatal and Child Hood Illness
- Specific Programmes to prevent and combat micronutrient deficesncies of Vitamin A and Iron & Folic Acid through Vitamin A Supplementation for children till the age of 5 years and Iron & Folic acid Supplementation for infants, preschool children, adolescent girls, pregnant and lactating women. Iodised salt is being provided for combating Iodine Deficiency Disorders
- Treatment of severe acute malnutrition through Nutrition Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) set up at public health facilities

3. Nutrition Programme for Adolescent Girls in 51 districts to provide free food grains to undernourished adolescent girls by Ministry of Women and Child Development.

4. National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (Mid Day Meal Scheme) by the Department of School Education & Literacy.

5. Nutrition and Health Education to increase the awareness and bring about desired changes in the dietary practices including the promotion of breast feeding and dietary diversification. Food and Nutrition Board of the Ministry of Women & Child Development is engaged in advocacy, trainings and generating awareness on important nutrition issues among different level of functionaries and the messes.

Increased emphasis on Promotion of appropriate Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices which are as follows:-

- Initiation of breastfeeding immediately after birth, preferably within one hour.
- Exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months
- Appropriate and adequate Complementary feeding from six months of age while continuing breastfeeding.
- The National Guidelines on Infant and Young Child Feeding have been developed and disseminated all over the country.
- Implementation of The Infant Milk Substitutes, Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act 1992, also known as the Infant Milk Substitute (IMS) Act

6. Availability of essential food items at subsidized cost through Targeted Public Distribution System, Antodaya Anna Yojna by the Department of Food & Consumer Affairs

7. Other measures include improving agricultural and horticulture produce and improving the purchasing power of the people though various income generating scheme.

**Death of children**

†2765. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether save the children's latest report states that a child dies every 15 seconds in the country due to various diseases and 20 lakh children die before reaching the age of 5 years;

(b) whether over 20 percent of the world's child deaths occur in the country and one in three of all malnourished children in the world live in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to protect the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) and (b) There are two main sources of data providing information on child mortality and malnutrition. These sources are a) Registrar General of India and b) National Family Health Survey.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.